

RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES
SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, August 25, 2011 - 1:00 PM
LAS PALMAS PARK
505 S. HUNTINGTON STREET, SAN FERNANDO, CA

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Marco "Tulio" Escobar, Michael Kmet, Clara Krum
and Benita Rivera

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Angel Avila

STAFF PRESENT: Ismael Aguila, RCS Operations Manager
Virginia Ufano, Community Services Supervisor
Maribel Perez, Program Specialist
Linda Bowden Moreno, Office Specialist

I. CALL TO ORDER

Michael Kmet called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Michael Kmet

III. ROLL CALL

Roll call by Linda Bowden Moreno

Present: Marco "Tulio" Escobar, Michael Kmet, Clara Krum and
Benita Rivera

Absent: Ángel Ávila

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the agenda for the August 25, 2011 Senior
Citizen Advisory Board Meeting

Motion:	Clara Krum	Second by: Marco "Tulio" Escobar
For:	Unanimous	
Against:	None	
Abstained:	None	

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the June 23, 2011 Senior Citizen Advisory Board Meeting.

Motion:	Benita Rivera	Second by:	Marco "Tulio" Escobar
For:	Unanimous		
Against:	None		
Abstained:	None		

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

- None at this time

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mr. Fred Olivas, Las Palmas Club President, was invited to attend today's meeting by Ismael Aguila. He had no comments but was happy to attend.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. CSUN/San Fernando Wellness Partnership Update

- Liane Fujita reported on the various Healthy Family Classes offered at Recreation Park that run September through November. These new classes have been made possible through a grant provided by Kaiser.
- Mr. Kmet inquired about Kaiser providing medical screening to seniors.

B. Red Cross Emergency Preparedness Workshop Update

- Maribel Perez reported that a request to schedule emergency preparedness workshops has been sent to the Red Cross. A response is pending at this time.

C. Elderly Nutrition Program Update

- The Nutrition Program has applied for the Silver Thermometer Award. The program will be evaluated and results will be announced in October.
- The inspection of the Nutrition Program was conducted and was rated at 100%.
- The certified menu has been received and will be distributed.

- The program is currently serving 40 congregate meals and 20 home bound meals.
- A Q&A in-service training is schedule for Monday.

D. Senior Programming Update

- Staff distributed flyers to the board on the upcoming Fall Senior Exercise Classes, Neighborhood Watch meeting, Dive-In Movie Nights, Concerts and Centennial Celebration.
- Mr. Kmet suggested the City approach the Olympic Organization to seek swim lessons for the community.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Senior Board Member Term Expiration Dates

- Term expiration for three board members will occur on 10/13/11: Michael Kmet, Benita Rivera and Clara Krum. The PW&R Commission will meet on Tuesday, September 13th, at which time membership reappointments can be addressed.
- Board members seeking reappointments will attend the PW&R Commission meeting on September 13th at 6:30 p.m.
- Benita Rivera suggested nominating Fred Olivas should a vacancy become available.

B. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

- Ismael Aguila reported that he is working on the installation of exercise equipment at Las Palmas Park. He will provide an update at the next board meeting.
- Virginia Ufano reminded board members that there are no meetings in November and December, per the board's request.

C. Next Senior Board Meeting

- Next Senior Board meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2011.

D. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Benita Rivera commented that serving 40 meals is not sufficient to meet the needs of this community's seniors. She stated that only County funds are going towards this program and that the City should contribute funds to serve at least 20 more meals. The City charges for facility rentals, traffic tickets and other fees. Funds should be allocated for this program.
- Benita Rivera also commented that the ticket distribution system is too difficult for seniors. Some have to secure bus transportation early in the morning to get a ticket, go home, and then return at lunchtime. A number of tickets should be reserved for those individuals who do not drive and depend on the bus.
- Benita Rivera complained about the parking at Las Palmas Park. Too many people park in the handicapped section without a permit. Staff informed the board that the City ordinance addressing parking at Las Palmas may be changed in the near future. At this time, the change is pending.
- Benita Rivera reported that the floor mats currently used in the facility tend to curl up at the edges making them a safety hazard. People have tripped on them. Marco Tulio Escobar reported that he has attempted to purchase quality mats for the Senior Club Dances and has been unable to find better quality mats.
- Staff reported that floor mats have recently been replaced. Perhaps extra strength two-sided tape can help the problem. Ismael Aguila will speak to the PW Director, Ron Ruiz.
- Benita Rivera reported that the bus stop in front of *Jack in the Box* needs a bus shelter. In addition, sidewalks at Hollister & Maclay, as well as Coronel St. (across from the school) are in need of repair. Ismael Aguila will take a drive after the meeting to view these problem areas.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Senior Board meeting was adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

Motion:	Marco Tulio Escobar	Second by: Clara Krum
For:	Unanimous	
Against:	None	
Abstained:	None	